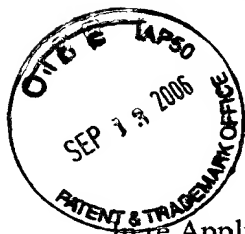


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Examiner: William C. Jung
Title: *Imaging of Light Scattering Tissues with Fluorescent Contrast Agents*

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Response Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.111

In response to the Office Action mailed June 14, 2006, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following comments as set forth below.